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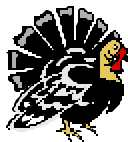
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to firm. No sales were reported. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings of fresh and frozen whole birds are limited. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow. Offerings are adequate to short. Demand was mixed.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow. Demand was light. Buyers and sellers remain cautious. Offerings were adequate to short.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 01, 2005**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	84-91	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-88	86	86.00	280	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	84-88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	84-85	84	84.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	83-85	84	84.00	200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	84-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	84-88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	84-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	84-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF DEC 02, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF NOVEMBER	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	87.10 **	85.22	77.50 **	EASTERN REGION	85.75	82.40	78.29
CENTRAL REGION	86.00	84.38	79.00	CENTRAL REGION	85.39	83.16	77.93
WESTERN REGION	86.00 **	86.00 **	79.50 **	WESTERN REGION	85.73	83.03	79.35
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	84.00	84.00	71.30 **	EASTERN REGION	83.63	81.71	74.21
CENTRAL REGION	84.00	82.95	71.00 **	CENTRAL REGION	83.67	80.80	74.46
WESTERN REGION	84.50 **	84.50 **	72.95 **	WESTERN REGION	83.75	81.10	75.85

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	84-91
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	84-89
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	84-89

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	110-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-139

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Dec 05, 2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	91.50	40,000
16-24 lbs.	95.00	10,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	20,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000

Total Volume:	80,000
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TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 26-Nov-2005 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG			AVG
		CHG	LIVE			LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
North East	223	-76	25.38	(A)	225	25.38
South Atlantic	334	-52	32.00	(A)	335	32.00
North Central	1,288	-41	33.43	(A)	1,289	33.43
South Central	277	-60	20.42	(A)	278	20.42
West	285	-47	22.79	(A)	286	22.79
U.S. total	2,407(B)	-52	29.72	6	2,413	29.72
To-date						
2005	208,394(B)			208	208,602	
To-date						
2004	204,710(B)			329	205,039	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 16,000; for the current year to date 1,160,000; for last year to date 2,404,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

October	449,318*
November 1 - 26, 2005	378,765*

To date 2005	4,703,987*
To date 2004	4,597,686*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 26-Nov-2005

		<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>
		<u>Thousands</u>			
Head	942	1,449	16	6	2,413
Avg Wt	15.66	38.91	26.80	24.14	29.72
Head sltr comp	arisons				
Last week	2,142	2,862	26	7	5,037
Same wk yr ago	844	1,516	8	15	2,383
Avg Wt	15.91	38.63	25.56	28.64	30.48
To-date/2005	85,973	121,261	1,160	208	208,602
To-date/2004	81,942	120,364	2,404	329	205,039

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT. INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 01 DECEMBER 2005.

The market tone on tom drums was steady; tom wings and necks steady to instances weak, mostly steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings adequate to instances ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on fresh mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady, frozen steady to barely steady. Demand moderate on fresh MST for prompt shipments, frozen light. Offerings of plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts short to light for December-January shipments. Trading moderate on fresh MST and fresh tom breast meat for current shipments, balance light. For domestic (fresh): destrapped tenderloins 170 delivered January-December, 2006; wing meat with skin 92-96, scapula 129-133 cents delivered. Frozen thigh trim traded at 46 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/ F	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	119.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	114.00-115.00		114.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	42.00		42.00	3
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	42.00	9
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	41.00-42.00		41.24	71
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	38.00-42.00		40.84	86
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	43.00-44.00		43.15	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	46.00-47.00		46.22	51
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	117.00	20
NECKS, TOM	44.00-46.00		44.76	97
NECKS, HEN	40.00-41.00		40.24	45
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	262.00	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	270.00-275.00		273.87	300
THIGH MEAT		T	93.00	60
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	101.00		101.00	28
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	220.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	246.00		246.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	19.00-22.00		20.61	444
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.00-42.00		41.75	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	92.50-99.00		94.67	156

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 02 DECEMBER 2005.

The market tone on destrapped tenderloins was steady to instances weak with frozen in the softest position, scapula and tom breast meat mostly steady, balance of white meat steady to barely steady. Demand on tom breast meat moderate with some processors experiencing increased domestic further processed over last year at this time. Inquiry also continued to be noted from Canada on tom breast meat. Demand on the balance of white meat was light to moderate. Offerings of frozen destrapped tenderloins was adequate to instances burdensome, frozen breast trim adequate to fully adequate, tom breast meat and scapula light, balance of white meat adequate. Domestic trading was active on tom full-cut wings at steady to lower trending prices and on both fresh tom breast meat and fresh mechanically separated turkey at steady prices. Export trading was slow to moderate on tom drums and frozen thigh meat. For domestic: tails 33, fresh Grade A 9-12 lb. WOGs 92, fresh scapula 125-133, frozen hen destrapped tenderloins 210 cents delivered. For export: fresh thigh meat 97.50 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	119.00	40		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	114.50	80	114.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	41.00		41.00	34	41.30	77
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	41.00		41.00	80	41.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	41.24	71	40.97	111
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	35.50-41.00		37.17	240	39.09	446
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	43.15	40	43.15	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	42.00-44.00		43.04	161	44.19	312
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	W 117.00	20	117.00	20		
NECKS, TOM	43.00		43.00	80	43.58	297
NECKS, HEN		R	40.24	45	39.86	65
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	265.00		265.00	17	265.00	17
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	273.00-278.00		275.00	343	274.75	723
THIGH MEAT		T	93.00	60	93.00	60
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	99.00-101.00		99.54	93	99.88	121
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	110.00-115.00		112.82	71	112.82	71
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	222.00		222.00	40	221.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	70.00		70.00	40	70.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	245.00-246.00		245.65	74	245.77	114
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40	21.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00-24.00		20.96	450	20.64	974
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.50-44.00		41.22	276	41.41	436
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	98.50-100.50		99.30	200	97.27	356

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